to the State Governments/UT Administrations to facilitate setting up of Juvenile Justice Board in each distirct and to ensure their effective functioning.

Diversion of ICDS food

283. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the startling revelation made by Uttar Pradesh Government officials in the press in December, 2006 the nutritious food meant for children under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is being used illegally to fatten the cattle of rich and influential persons;

(b) if so, whether it is a major contributory factor for undernourishment of 52 per cent children of Uttar Pradesh, and 28 per cent of under-5 deaths in Uttar Pradesh out of 2.5 million such deaths annually in India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure that nutritious food under ICDS is not diverted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No such report has come to the notice of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Notification of Rules under Juvenile Justice Act

284. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary rules have been notified to make effective the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Amendment Act, 2006;

(b) if so, whether detailed guidelines have been issued to State Governments to initiate immediate action to constitute/recognize specialized adoption agencies, district-wise; and

(c) whether any monitoring mechanism at State/Central level would be set-up to oversee the functioning of new adoption procedures to achieve the envisaged objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Amendment Act, 2006 are under preparation.

(b) Guidelines will be issued only after the Rules are finalized.

(c) Section 62A of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006 provides, "Every State Government shall constitute a Child Protection Unit for the State and, such Units for every District, consisting of such officers and other employees as may be appointed by that Government, to take up matters relating to children in need of care and protection and juveniles in conflict with law with a view to ensure the implementation of this Act including the establishment and maintenance of homes, notification of competent authorities in relation to these children and their rehabilitation and co-ordination with various official and non official agencies concerned".

Recently, Minstry has formulated a centrally sponsored scheme namely 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)' for implementation during Eleventh Plan Period under which there is provision for setting up of State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) to function as State level resource centre to coordinate, monitor and develop the adoption programme in the State. SARA would also liaison with District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) at district level and provide technical support to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in carrying out the process of rehabilitation and social reintegration of all children through, *inter alia*, in-country and inter-country adoptions.

Law of offences against children

285. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a law on offences against children for preventing child abuse including sexual exploitation, economic exploitation, domestic violence, trafficking for prostitution etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be enacted;

(c) whether any steps in this direction have been taken by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The provisions of the Bill are being finalized in consultation with legal experts, Government and Non-Government Institutions, experts in the field of child rights and all concerned. The Bill will be introduced in the Parliament after following the prescribed procedure.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 10TH AUGUST, 2007*

Banned injection in circulation

†*1. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Oxadicin, an injection injected to buffalo is being sold in the country despite a ban on the same;

(b) whether it is being used to increase the size of vegetable artificially by injecting it in fruit and vegetable plants in the country;

(c) if so, whether public health is being affected adversely by its use;

(d) whether Government would take strict action to prevent the sale of the said injection; and

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*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 10th August, 2007 was adjourned on account of passing away of Shri Chandra Shekhar, former Prime Minister of India and ex-Member. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday, the 13th August, 2007.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.